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The Freedom Rock Plaza nears completion with the addition of granite pavers placed around the Freedom Rock bearing the names of service members.



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A local hero who wishes to remain unnamed shows his granddaughter the brick laid into the ground by the Freedom Rock, with his war credentials, Sept. 18.

Freedom plaza nears completion

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Nearly one year after the footings were poured, work on the Freedom Rock Plaza in Franklin Park is nearing completion.

The Freedom Rock was painted in February by Iowan artist Ray "Bubba" Sorensen, according to WR O'Riley, head of the Freedom Rock Committee.

Sorensen has painted over 60 Freedom Rocks in his home state, as well as in Wisconsin and soon to be Washington, according to www.thefreedomrock.com.

"It's pretty cool that we were the first place outside of the state of Iowa to receive a Freedom Rock," O'Riley said.

O'Riley said once Maryville Parks and Recreation accepted the request to place the Rock in Franklin Park, the project started to grow with tremendous support from the community.

The project began with a Lions Club member from Pickering finding the rock. From there the Freedom Rock Committee made of the five Nodaway County Lions Clubs continued working together. O'Riley said the Hopkins Lions Club helped get the crane to move the rock and a Lion from Graham did much of the electrical work. The project grew with businesses making contributions.

The final step of the project involves the completion of engraving and an installation of granite pavers that will be placed among the bricks surrounding the rock. Maryville Parks and Recreation Director Aaron Dobson, said these pavers were done as a fundraising effort and can still be purchased to honor past, active and fallen service members as well as first responders and many others. Forms to purchase pavers are available online on Maryville Parks and Recreation's website and at the Maryville Community Center.

"Our goal is to, within the next two weeks, have the granite tops installed to what we're calling a serenity wall," O'Riley said. "This will give folks who come to pay respects a place to sit and remember their lost loved ones."

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Northwest Foundation receives record setting donations for fiscal year 2017

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The Northwest Foundation reaches record highs for donations in all areas of funding.

The Northwest Foundation is the University's fundraising branch. For the fiscal year of 2017, they received a record high of $13 million in donations, which included three different seven figure gifts.

The donation amounts broke several records and many other funds experienced increases.

The average amount donated increased to $4,700, which is a 20 percent increase from fiscal year 2016. The cash contribution also increased. For the first time, 94 percent of donations were given in cash.

Sophomore Chelsea McDaniel notes how thankful she is.

"I'm so grateful that our alumni and community can come together and donate so selflessly to help our students and our school continue to thrive," McDaniel said.

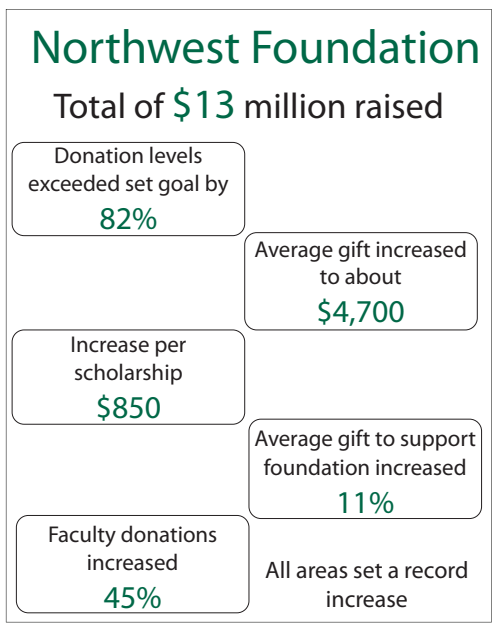
Faculty donations broke a record, which is at a historic high of 45 percent. A 59 percent increase from the 2016 fiscal year.

"Our donors and alumni are so passionate about Northwest, and we are grateful for the support they continue to show the University," Jasinski said in a University news release.

"Their gifts are a testament to their belief in our mission of focusing on student success – every student every day – and our focus on providing a quality education that is accessible and affordable to all. Further, this level of private support is another indicator of Northwest's strength and culture as an institution known for being safe, trusted, invested and resourceful."

In a Northwest press release, Northwest Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Bob Machovsky accredited so much of the success to the faculty and alumni.

"The Alumni Association's increase in volunteer hours and events is really a true testament to our amazing volunteers and the loyal alumni and friends who help make it the strong organization it is today," Machovsky said in a University news release. "Our alumni, faculty, staff and friends generously support Northwest with their contributions and they are the foundation who continue to drive our fundraising success now and into the future."



The 1905 Society is Northwest's premier giving society for annual gifts. The society helps foster the University's tradition of philanthropy. They recognize generous supporters annually and make an unrestricted gift of $1,000 or more. This fiscal year the 1905 Society achieved a 3 percent rise in funding.

Scholarship donations increased 13 percent, a record of $1 million. That allows the average award to increase by 20 percent,which means scholarships rose to a high of $850 per scholarship.

Phillip Elliott is a Northwest sophomore who benefits from the scholarships being contributed to.

"It's really cool that the community is so invested in student success," Elliott said. "I really appreciate their time and investment."



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Jeff Andrews puts aluminum cans through a baler to compress it for recycling purposes inside the Pellet Plant on Sept. 18.

Future wind farm to benefit local economy

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Nodaway County has approved a 23,000 acre wind farm which will begin construction in 2019.

This decision came after the Nodaway County Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) committee approved the tax adjustment application from Tenaska Clear Creek Wind. The turbines will be north of Gray's Truck Stop, continuing to the Iowa border and west of Pickering, Missouri.

According to Monte Ten Kley, Director of Strategic Development & Acquisitions at Tenaska, the project began in 2008 but Tenaska was not involved until the summer of 2016 and has recently started to take off.

"Tenaska is developing a 200 to 300-megawatt wind project near Maryville in Nodaway County," Ten Kley said. "Since we first started talking to landowners in April, we have signed agreements for the majority of the acres needed to construct the project, and we are driving toward completion of our leasing efforts."

The Tenaska wind farm will boost the local economy, according to Ten Kley. The total estimated construction will cost between $200 million to $300 million but will also increase tax revenue to the local government.

According to a study by Clean Energy Trust and Environmental Entrepreneurs, a total of 55,521 people are now working in energy storage and smart grid jobs.

The study found job growth is occurring more than three times faster than Missouri's overall job growth in sectors including renewable energy generation, advanced transportation and clean fuels.

Tenaska's wind farm will boost Maryville's job market as it will allow for the creation of more than 200 jobs at peak construction and up to 15 full-time jobs during operation as well as providing opportunities for local businesses to provide goods and services for the project.

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Collections to benefit food pantry

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Northwest School of Business and Computer Science has challenged other departments in a competition to help out the on-campus food pantry.

Nancy Zeliff and Jaime Collins, professors in the School of Computer Science and Information Systems, started a building competition to see who could collect the most non-perishable donations for the Pay-It-Forward Pantry.

Zeliff said any building on campus can join the campaign.

The physical number of donations will determine the winner.

"Jaime and I identified it as pride not a prize," Zeliff said. "So whatever campus buildings want to be involved, there is a bucket or a pail somewhere to collect donations."

This is the first time there has been a collections race, the idea stemming from a similar project which took place in December.

"We heard about the need approximately two weeks ago and our School of Computer Science launched a similar project. We thought we could get it off the ground rather quickly with Jaime Collins's assistance," Zeliff said.

At this point, it is a one-time project, but they said that it would be a possibility to come back in times of need.

Zeliff and Collins said they want the message to be clear: the gain of donating is knowing you did something to help someone else.

"It's not only at holidays such challenges and needs are real, so let's step up on campus to help out our students and peers," Zeliff said. "It's pride not prize. It's a pay-it-forward so if you receive a blessing, one should pass it on and we feel this is a way that faculty and staff and our campus buildings can do that."

The canned food drive will end Oct. 6.

There is a possibility of a trophy to the winners.

"We'll have student representatives from student organizations here in our School of Computer Science and Information Systems come around Friday, Oct. 6 and some students will be helping me collect and count items," Zeliff said. "The building winner will be declared by the physical number of items they're donating."

The Pay-It-Forward Foundation also started a project to combine helping people with community building. According to the Northwest website, the Foundation started as an Emergency Fund Loan with a $75 limit in 2008.

As quoted in a PowerPoint by Sue Nickerson and Jody Throener:

"The purpose of this fund is to provide assistance to Northwest students who are struggling financially, while engaging them in the resources available to be successful financially, socially and academically. Such purposes include, but are not limited to, supplemental textbooks and course supplies, unexpected medical costs, tuition assistance, emergency transportation needs and so forth."



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Canned food drive volunteers Jaime Collins and Nancy Zeliff sit by the first collections of food drive donations collected Sept. 12. Collections go until Oct. 6, and all donations will go to the Pay It Forward Food Pantry.

Committee member Sue Nickerson wrote on the website:

"Student success is not only focusing on academic success, but on relationships, perspectives and well-being that allows students to gain from their experience at Northwest. This is a form of intervention that will help students succeed not only now, but in the future."

As part of the program, students are expected to participate in community service events, as well as meetings with Financial Aid and possibly tutor in the Student Success Center.

The program is open to any struggling Northwest student and is known to be underused.

The Foundation encourages students to come apply if it is needed, or to donate any amount they can.

Upward Bound program receives 5 year funding renewal

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Northwest Missouri State University's Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) program received roughly $1.77 million in a funding grant for the next five years from the Department of Education.

UBMS is a precollege program working with first generation, low income students who are interested in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields.

According to TRIO Director Cassie Tavorn, the new grant will be serving 11 different high schools in Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.

"The program help students to be on a level playing field; it gives them the confidence they need. The majority of them are not in family environments that value education," Tavorn said. "It's important we not only help students to recognize that they have the ability in them to persist into college, but there are resources set aside to pay for them to go to college."

In UBMS, students spend six weeks in a summer on Northwest's campus. During this time, students are taking college level courses and gaining hands on experience.

UBMS students are also enrolled in dual credit courses and attend college visits throughout the academic school year.

"What we do is we take them by the hand, show them how to do it and what needs to be done," Tavorn said. "We don't just give them the resources, it's important that we show them how to use those resources. Having knowledge is one thing, but being able to apply that knowledge is what's critical to making sure that they follow through and get an education."

Instructor and Chair of Undergraduate Human Services Program Cris Jacobson used to work for the UBMS program when she was an undergraduate at Northwest.

"We know that this is a program that works," Jacobson said. "It's very exciting when we hear it has been renewed. We are trying to create avenues for all students to be successful because that's really what this program is for."



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Upward Bound Math and Science has received a $1.77-million funding grant for the next five years from the Department of Education.

To maintain funding, UBMS is required to have 71 students active in its program.

Out of those students, 75 percent must have a GPA of 2.5 percent or higher. Sixty-five percent have to enter a post secondary education following the fall or spring of their high school graduation.

Out of that 65 percent, 50 percent must graduate college within six years.

According to Assistant Director of Upward Bound Math and Science Tanya Riley, UBMS met or exceeded those requirements for four out the past five years.

"Our goal is just to simply get them in college and get them out with a college degree," Riley said. "Preferably we want them in those STEM programs. That's why we bring them in and get them into those fields when they're here on campus."







Senior center revamps after cuts

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Nodaway County Senior Center employee Ronald Redig serves food to Laton and Louise Goodson during lunch hours Sept. 19.

The Nodaway County Senior Center must undergo drastic changes after its state and federal funding was cut 100 percent.

The cuts, made by the Northwest Missouri Area Agency on Aging, started at the beginning of August, according to Nodaway County Senior Center Administrator Amie Firavich.

The Senior Center is one of three senior care facilities that had their funding cut; the other two are located in Cameron and St. Joseph. The center is still dealing with the effects as it attempts to turn the senior center into a small business.

"Unfortunately, we were not informed that we were going to lose 100 percent of our funding until August," Firavich said. "They ended our funding Sept. 1, so we have been working with the Small Business and Technology Development Center and they are helping us come up with a business plan. We were put on such short notice that there is no physical way that we can start a business in that short period of time that we had."

Becky Flaherty, executive director of Northwest Missouri Area Agency on Aging, is working with Firavich to keep the center running.

"We have been providing them with a lot of information from other senior centers and projects across the United States that are trying to do similar projects in order to deal with the changing needs of seniors and the changing in funding that is coming and has been coming," Flaherty said.

While the transition is not ideal, Flaherty believed it was much needed.

"The problem we have is the model we have and use is over 40 years old and the population has changed and needs are changing and the funding has not kept up with those needs or the population," Flaherty said.

Director of the Small Business and Technology Development Center, Rebecca Lobina said that her goal is to keep the senior centers open and operating as normal.

"We are working with them to help them operate more along the business model of a for- profit entity even though they are non-profit because of their significant loss of funding," Lobina said. "They now have to figure out a way to either gain some more revenue like a for-profit business would or shut their doors and nobody wants to do that."

Flaherty and the Area Agency on Aging are working on delivering frozen meals to seniors who qualify for them in Nodaway County. She believes these new frozen meals may work better for some people as they only receive their meals once a week.

"For a lot of seniors it is difficult for them to be there and receive a meal at a certain time every day," Flaherty said. "Sometimes what we have found in other centers across the state and across the nation is that a frozen meal option, if it is a good frozen meal, can be a very good option for a lot of people because it makes their schedule much more flexible. It also cuts down costs significantly because you are not driving there every day and instead we contact them by phone and make sure that they are okay."

According to Firavich the frozen meals program is being run entirely by the Northwest Area Agency on Aging and does not work with the center itself.

"What they did is contact some individuals and give them frozen meals," Firavich said. "So one day a week they are going to deliver them five or seven frozen meals or however many meals the person qualifies for. The Area Agency on Aging are purchasing these frozen meals out of a senior center in St. Joe and have hired someone to deliver the meals up here to Nodaway County."

The frozen meal program will not replace Nodaway County Senior Center's home delivery or cafeteria meal programs. However, Lobina said they are looking for ways to produce funding to keep the meal programs running.

"They are in the process of finding out how many of the individuals who receive home delivered meals can actually pay and are willing to pay for that," Lobina said.

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OUR VIEW:

Tenaska energy crucial for Maryville

With the development of the Tenaska Clear Creek Generating Station, the idea of renewable energy has been on forefront of many minds.

There is no denying renewable energy sources are a huge need these days. Petroleum, coal and other traditional sources of energy are dying resources.

People need more than just cleaner options, they need options of cleaner energy.

The Tenaska Clear Creek Generating Station is helping provide wind energy as an option for Nodaway county residences. Not only is it being minimally invasive to the landscape, it is also boosting our economy with a slew of jobs.

It is receiving support from community leaders and those affected by a wind farm being in Nodaway county. There is no room to disapprove Tenaska creating a plant in Maryville.

The idea of wind power is ideal for places like Maryville because it allows members of the community to choose what kinds of energy they want fueling their homes.

It lets capitalism take its natural course, so consumers will not have to pay exponentially more for cleaner energy.

This is not the only example of renewable energy in Maryville. Each building of the Maryville school district has solar panels and

Northwest uses different types of fuel combined with recycling. Not only are Bearcats green on game days, but we also have the option to be green everyday thanks to clean energy like this.

One of the possible downsides to this project is the effect it could have on Northwest's enrollment. Many people come to Northwest for the small town feeling and close community. With the boom of jobs becoming available, Maryville will most likely grow in population, losing some of the small town charm and possibly affecting how potential students feel about attending Northwest.

Though, it could also attract other students who are passionate about the environment, negating this potential downside.

Another argument concerns how notoriously noisy wind farms are. Noise pollution is an increasing problem concerning how much noise we pump into the air and the danger it poses to humans and wildlife.

A simpler way of saying it: unwanted noise interferes with daily activities such as sleeping, eating and talking. On the surface it may not seem like a big deal, but it is much more than an annoyance.

A report from the Environmental Protection Agency website said there is a correlation between high noise pollution and hearing loss, stress related symptoms and high blood pressure.

They are also a danger to birds and bats. Yes, clean air does come with a price: the decrease of bird and bat populations.

Again, it would not seem like a major issue until the insect population rises and everyone is covered in bug bites.

Ecosystems are delicate webs that can be easy tilted off balance. Birds and bats eat bugs, bugs which annoy us. Wind turbines may kill these flying creatures and throw the Nodaway environment off.

These arguments do not overshadow the high hopes we have for Tanaska, though.

One thing we hope to see is Tanaska hire locally. Tanaska wants to have a good relationship with Maryville businesses and one of the best ways is to hire within our community.

All in all, the Tanaska Clear Creek Generating Station is sure to blow all Maryville residents away with their commitment to being a good business neighbor.



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Stop protesting, start boycotting



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They say history repeats itself and that is exactly what is happening.

Another police officer acquitted, another black man murdered, another peaceful protest turned "violent." St. Louis is no stranger to protest, riots and mass police brutality.

After the death of Mike Brown and the Ferguson riots and protests, it seems the black community's peaceful tactics are ineffective in the eyes of local police and the state government.

According to CNN, former St. Louis police officer Jason Stockley was acquitted in the 2011 shooting death of Anthony Smith Sept. 16., after Stockley and his partner Brian Bianchi pursued Smith for a suspected drug exchange.

Smith's story is one that the people of St. Louis had not forgotten; the emotions tied to the story even helped fuel the reactions of the 2014 death of Mike Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

The streets, state official buildings and shopping malls of St. Louis filled with chanting protesters, holding hands, making demands and public displays of outrage.

For decades, African-Americans have voiced extreme displeasure in our justice system, demanding the basic rights of any human being, yet we continuously fall on intentional deaf ears.

I have learned in life; you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink.

Protests and rallies do nothing for those who clearly are not receiving the message, simply because they do not want to hear the message.

While these individuals may not want to hear it, we need to make them feel and if there is one thing people definitely feel, it os empty pockets.

During the 1960s Civil Rights Movements, our grandparents did more than protest, they boycotted the Montgomery, Alabama bus service.

They hit the deep pockets of the state, government officials and others who benefitted from the compensation of African-American riders, who were the majority of the bus service's patrons.

The boycott burned such a hole in the bus service, the state had no choice but to listen to the demands.

So my standing question is, what is our Montgomery bus service? How is the rest of the country benefitting off our hard earned money?

We first must start with supporting our community, have pride in your brothers' and sisters' work and support black-owned businesses.

Want to get the government and state officials to hear us?

Stop shopping at big conglomerate businesses like Walmart and Target. Instead buy groceries at local grocery stores, find any black-owned businesses for all of your needs.

Cancel the department stores like Macy's, Dillard's and Neiman Marcus. Stop buying those new Gucci shoes, don't buy that new Marc Jacobs purse, drop the Tommy Hilfiger swimsuit and please, please, do not buy those NFL tickets this season.

Hit. Those. Pockets.

I am not saying this will be an easy transition. It wasn't easy for our grandparents to walk several miles to work or school without the bus service, so why should this be any different?

I'm not saying this change is something that will happen overnight, but this is something that needs to happen before it is too late. We are the perfect generation to bring change, our limitations are nearly non-existent, we only need to work for we want.

Healthy conflict necessary to solve problems



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We've all been in our fair share of drama. I know I have and believe me when I say an angry Corie is not a pretty sight. With this said, people seem to think conflict is this horrible thing, when in reality some conflict is healthy.

Conflict allows for the exchange of ideas and helps makes things better for everyone involved. Without conflict many things such as colleges and countries cannot flourish and grow. It opens the door for debate which would otherwise be closed. Conflict is the heart of debate which is what allows for bills to become laws and for getting an A in a philosophy or government class.

However, our society sees too much unhealthy conflict. This conflict is not about exchanging ideas and coming up with a solution, but to crush anyone who disagrees with our line of thinking. This only leads to negativity and closes the doors to healthy conflict. It is no longer a debate, but a power struggle. So bears the question: what is the difference between healthy and unhealthy conflict?

Think of conflict like stress. A lot of stress can lead to trouble: a lower immune system, irritability, pimples. But a small amount of healthy stress, like the nervousness of putting off an assignment is good.

Healthy stress gives you a kick in the butt. You work harder, faster and smarter. It is what drives the fight or flight instinct that has helped us survive thousands of years.

The same idea can be applied with conflict. A lot conflict is unhealthy. It closes minds and only leads to more negative conflict. It becomes like a snowball; getting bigger and bigger with each word. Healthy conflict however, leads to solutions.

A good example of healthy conflict is the compromise of our bicameral legislature. The small states wanted one vote per state andthe larger states wanted votes based on population. This conflict led to the creation of the Senate and the House of Representatives. This way everyone gave some and got some. The conflict came to a solution.

An example of bad conflict is the American Revolutionary War. Not to get too political, but neither side cared about the other. Problem after problem piled on and no one could get resolution. We all know how this conflict ended.

This is not to say all bad conflict will always lead to overthrowing governments, but it will not do anyone any favors. Healthy conflict can only help things get better. Every healthy conflict has certain aspects. Each party involved must go into the argument with a cool head.

While emotion is a powerful tool, it sometimes clouds conflict. They must also remember that their opponent is a human with feelings. They may even have a good point. Lastly, they must agree to disagree. Not everyone will think the same and agree on everything, and we shouldn't. If we want progress then we must learn to agree to disagree.

Conflict may be messy, but it is necessary to thrive as a society and as students.

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Playing a sad song might send a tear rolling down your cheek, watching your favorite TV character die may make you sob, but the cost of doing these things should no longer bring you tears.

College students can now get both Spotify Premium and the Hulu Limited Commercial Plan in one package for only $4.99 a month.

Normally, the two plans would cost $13 together. This means $8 in savings or about the cost of a liter of a pop and box of popcorn for all those Hulu movie nights students can now have.

If students already have Spotify Premium, they simply need to verify their student status via SheerID in order to gain access to the Hulu Limited Commercial Plan.

The same goes for students who already have Hulu and wish to get Spotify Premium. Basically, if students have one, they can get the other for free.

"[It's great] because students are almost always listening to Spotify on their way to classes and in their down time after classes, they're always watching Hulu for the most up to date episodes," freshman Anna Swink said. "That's something Netflix can't give you."

Spotify and Hulu aren't the first to offer a package deal of this kind. AT&T recently announced customers with their unlimited plan can now get DirecTV and HBO for free.

Students will now pay $4.99 a month.

hulu

Pricing is used for 12 months then can be re-verified.

Both would normally cost $13 a month.

Netflix is now free for eligible T-Mobile users. But Spotify Premium for Students plus Hulu is the only of these offers available exclusively to students.

According to the New York Post, this is just the start of what the Spotify and Hulu partnership has to offer.

The companies intend to create more bundling deals for the general public, but as of now students are the only ones reaping the benefits of these generous offers.

An offer like this benefits both the students and the company. Students gain access to their favorite music and television shows at a budget friendly price, while Hulu and Spotify get to reel in more customers.

"You're their target market," Assistant Business Professor Deborah Toomey explained. "They're trying to get you brand hooked now so you continue on with that service after you graduate."

For those guilty of setting an alarm the day before a trial ends just to avoid paying full price-fret not.

The subscription can be canceled at any time.

The student pricing is applied for 12 months after the subscription starts or is re-verified. Twelve months is a long time, those graduating this year will be able to revel in the student discount for a bit even after joining the real world.

FREEDOM
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O'Riley and Dobson together have the goal of having an official dedication ceremony involving the American Legion in the coming weeks, upon completion of the project.

"Right now we're working to see if MoDot will put up signs along the highway alerting motorists that Freedom Rock is in Maryville so people know to stop and see it," O'Riley said.

A sidewalk to connect to the sidewalk of Main Street as well as light landscaping in the Plaza are also in theworks.

O'Riley, a Vietnam War Veteran, relates the success of this project to Lions Club International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal's theme for the year, "The Power of We."

"If people get together and put their minds together they can get a whole lot more accomplished than individually," O'Riley said

Dobson is looking forward to what the renovations of the Freedom Rock will hold of the community.

"From the parks and recreation perspective we're very fortunate that there was a group of individuals in the community that had this much passion to come together," Dobson said. "We're very humbled they (Freedom Rock Committee) approached us and seeked us as a location for this opportunity. We're very excited for this opportunity and what this Freedom Rock Plaza represents to so many of our community members and the opportunity to bring another tourism site here to Maryville."



TAYLOR JOHNSON | NW MISSOURIAN
Kurt Davis puts plastic bottles through a baler to compress it for recycling purposes inside the Pellet Plant on Sept. 18.

WIND
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Ten Kley said the wind farm will not only boost Maryville's economy and job market, but will also help surrounding farms flourish.

"Wind projects optimize land use, with only a small portion of the overall land used for the siting of wind turbines and access roads. The remainder can continue to be used in its current state, such as for farming or grazing. This is another 'cash crop' for landowners participating in the project, thereby helping to stabilize farm incomes."

Northwest junior Nathaniel Cochran believes clean energy is important for the community.

"Green energy is the future," Cochran said. "It will create more jobs and help the economy."

Senior Devin Vinzant believes the project is a great idea and will be beneficial for Maryville.

"It's a good idea," Vinzant said. "The biggest complaint people have is that they're an eyesore and that's stupid because they are there for a good reason."

Yet, according to Ten Kley, Tenaska wants to be an integral part of the Maryville community instead of simply helping the economy.

"Additionally, Tenaska is known for being a good business neighbor in the communities where its plants operate," Ten Kley said. "Those facilities have a long-standing record of support for broad-based community programs, including food pantries, local Scout troops and employees donate thousands of hours of time annually to community projects, from serving on school boards to tutoring students and coaching athletics."

According to the United States Energy Information Administration (EIA) as of 2016, Missouri had 659 megawatts of wind generating capacity online, another 300 megawatts being built and substantial additional wind energy potential, primarily in the state's northwest region.

According to Ten Kley Missouri and the Midwest have some of the best areas for wind farms.

"The Midwest has some of the best wind resources in the nation and recent advances in turbine technology have continued to increase the feasibility and cost competitiveness of wind projects in Missouri," Ten Kley said. "These changes, along with the notable wind resource in Nodaway County, has made the area ideal for locating a wind-powered electric generation project like the project being developed by Tenaska."

However, this is not the first use of sustainable energy in Maryville. The Maryville school district has solar panels on all of its buildings. Northwest uses what is known as Alternative Fuels. According to Northwest's website, the University began using alternative fuels in 1982 saving approximately $12.5 million from the use of alternative fuel sources as compared to purchasing natural gas and oil.

Tenaska is making headway on the project and hopes to continue to grow its relationship with the community while helping to make Maryville an even more sustainable community.

"We have been making steady progress on the project," Ten Kley said. "Just as importantly, we continue to have positive discussions with local landowners and community leaders. We appreciate their ongoing support. Our team has met a lot of great people here in Nodaway County, and we look forward to continuing those relationships for many years to come."

Blotters for the week of Sept. 21

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Sept. 8
Two summonses were issued for liquor law violations in Hudson/Perrin.

Sept. 9
There is an open investigation for stalking in Millikan Hall.

Sept. 10
A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at Millikan Hall.

Sept. 12
There is an open investigation for stealing in Millikan Hall.

Sept. 13
There is an open investigation for property damage in Brown Hall.
There is an open investigation for stalking in Millikan Hall.

Sept. 14
A summons was issued for liquor law violation in South Complex.

Sept. 15
There is an open investigation for stealing in Tower Suites West.

Sept. 16
A summons was issued for liquor law violation at Lot 39.

Sept. 17
A summons was issued for liquor law violation in Hudson/Perrin.

A summons was issued for liquor law violation in South Complex.

A summons was issued for liquor law violation in Perrin Hall.

Maryville Public Safety

Sept. 12
A summons was issued to **Timothy Reed**, 20, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market.

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 1400 block of E. Third St.

A summons was issued to **Jeremy Borchelt**, 31, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear the 400 block of North Market.

Sept. 14
A summons was issued to **Shamprasad Kalburgi-Srikumar**, 23, for not having a valid driver's license, equipment violation, failure to register a motor vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

There is ongoing investigation for lost/stolen property at the 500 block of East Davison Square.
Sept. 15

A summons was issued to **Cameron Smith**, 35, for driving while suspended at the 200 block of East Jenkins.

Sept. 19
A summons was issued to **Joseph Everhart**, 27, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market.

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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, communication is essential in any relationship, including ones of a romantic nature. Learn to get your point across without being too forward.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may have little desire to go above and beyond what is necessary this week. You may want to spend much of your time sticking to familiar routines.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you can probably use a good dose of peace and quiet right now, but there are too many things on your calendar for this to be possible anytime soon.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, enjoy a boost in ambition, stamina and overall energy in the coming days. This will help you initiate and complete projects with amazing precision.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Intense desires are simmering just beneath the surface, Leo. But you're not sure how to express your feelings just yet. Usually you are direct, but this may require finesse.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Hanging out with friends seems like a great idea, especially when all of your tasks at work and at home have been completed, Virgo. Don't let anything hold you back.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, spend some time relaxing at home in the coming days. The rest and relaxation will do your body good. Rise to action when you are called upon.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Pay careful attention to all details, Scorpio. They are trying to tell you something about your future. You just do not know where the road will bend.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, it is not uncommon to feel on edge when leaving your comfort zone. Embrace this sense of adventure and uncertainty and make the most of a unique opportunity.

CAPRICORN–Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you desire stability even though you take some chances in the coming days. You may appear sure-footed to others, but your nerves may be out of control. Take things slowly.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, thoughts keep tugging at your emotions and leaving you with lingering feelings of doubt. It is time to push away those feelings once and for all.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, find different ways to express your feelings to your partner. This can open the lines of communication and strengthen your bond.

GUESS WHO

This person was born in Jackson, Michigan, and has 12 siblings. He recently celebrated his 10-year anniversary on YouTube. He is an advocate for LGBT rights as well as other social issues in our country. He was named in the Forbes 30 under 30 in 2017 and has won a number of awards for his YouTube channel.

Answer: Tyler Oakley

This person was born in Chicago and raised in Missouri. He went on to create the first full-length cartoon movie and turned a rodent into an American icon. This person opened theme parks all over the world and produced classic children's movies still watched today.

Answer: Walt Disney

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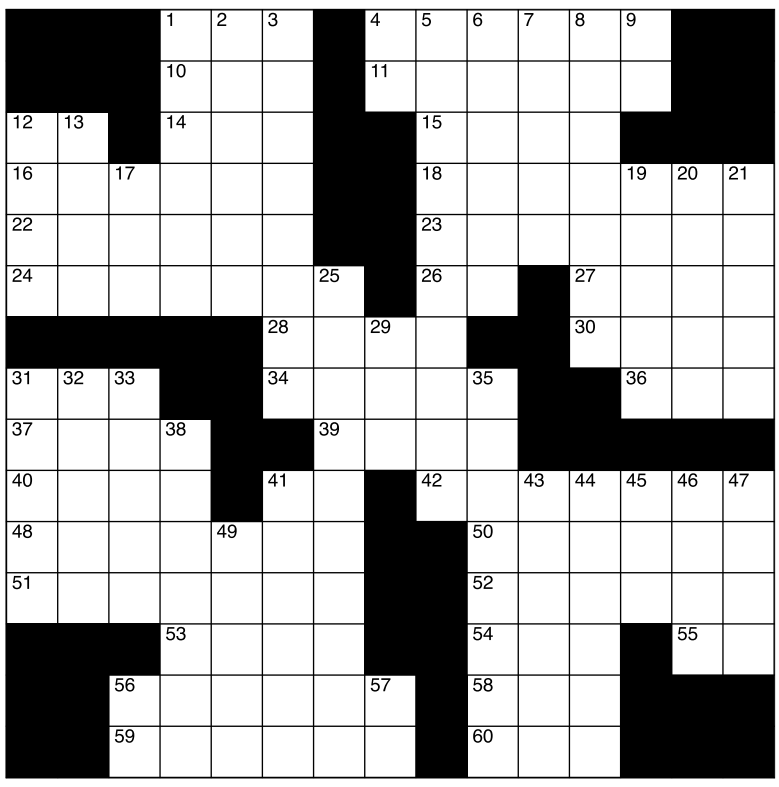
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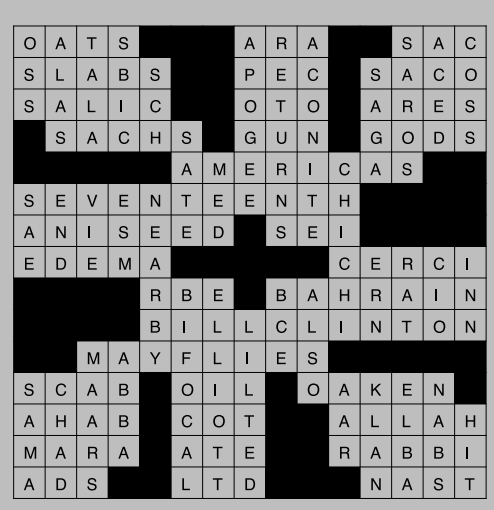


CLUES ACROSS
1. Storage device
4. Disagree with
10. Political organization
11. Playoff appearances
12. Collection of cops
14. Balkan mountain peak
15. Island north of Guam
16. Seizure of someone's property
18. Repeat
22. Beautiful youth
23. Bullfighters
24. Charges a fare
26. Not off
27. Where skaters ply their trade
28. Meson
30. Guru
31. Cycles/second
34. Alternating turns
36. Soviet Socialist Republic
37. Mound
39. Boxer Amir
40. Away from wind
41. Exist
42. Working man
48. British soldier
50. Scrounge
51. Upset
52. The act of escaping
53. Poet Pound
54. Confederate general
55. Midway between south and east
56. Becomes hot from the sun
58. Fictitious poet Mailey
59. Not yet purchased
60. Intersperse

CLUES DOWN
1. Bathing suit
2. Poignantly different from what was expected
3. A person with the same name as another
4. West Siberian river
5. Of the membrane lining the abdominal cavity
6. Has a positive electric charge
7. Fish-eating mammal of the weasel family
8. Offerers
9. Spanish be
12. Chilean province Capitan __
13. Father
17. Pestilence
19. Songs
20. Grilling tools
21. Long, winding ridge of sand and gravel
25. Court game
29. __kosh, near Lake Winnebago
31. Variety of beet
32. Caps
33. Rides in the snow
35. Took without permission
38. Tall stand to hold books
41. Spanish neighborhood
43. Spanish dance
44. Countries of Asia
45. Make fun of
46. Elk Grove High School
47. Network of nerves
49. Greek apertifs
56. Unit of volume
57. South Dakota

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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Nick Calandra:

A long journey to gameumentary

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The echoes of disappointed parents everywhere fall on deaf ears in 2017, a year where career opportunities are nearly endless.

These echoes spout disapproval of making a career out of video games, with the evidence to back up nothing more than labeling video games as toys.

Nick Calandra, a fifth year senior, multimedia journalism major and alumni of the Phi Delta Theta chapter, does not see these comments as he breaks his back to reach success. Since moving from Michigan to Nebraska, Calandra has come a long way to start Gameumentary, a company focused on producing 30 to 40 minute documentaries about the stories of game developers.

Groundwork for some of the most diverse options for careers seen in the past decade is thanks in part to entrepreneurs like Calandra. Calandra's journey did not start with his idea for Gameumentary, though. It started with the very same thing turning some children away from career dreams as off the wall as documentaries about video game developers: his parents.

Though Calandra's parents were initially dismissive of his time dedicated to playing video games in high school and middle school, later they saw them as catalysts by which his journey in the industry would begin.

"I was much more introverted at the time," Calandra said. "My parents finally intervened and said I need to find something different to do and that is kind of how I got started with journalism."

Calandra goes on to recount the beginning stages of his career as an entrepreneur on the Internet.

"I had my dad buy my first domain name in 2009 and at the time I really had no writing abilities to speak of," Calandra said. "I was bad, I had no business publishing anything on the Internet."

It was here where Calandra began to make a few connections in various comments sections of other websites.

"I found a few guys to join me on this site via the comments section of another website and that's kind of how it all began," Calandra said. "I ran my first site for a year, opened up a new one a year later and then opened up OnlySP (Only Single Player) a year after that and ran that from 2012 until 2016."



SUBMITTED

Cinematographer Kyle Bailey prepares to shoot for Gameumentary.

At its peak, OnlySP.com garnered between 100 and 150 thousand visitors per month. After starting school at Northwest, Calandra's involvement in OnlySP started to slip as he got more involved with school. It was also during this time OnlySP began to cultivate toxicity in its community. A combination of toxicity and other priorities was just enough to convince Calandra to let his first journalistic endeavor sit on the backburner.

From the ashes of his experiences gained with OnlySP came Calandra's idea for Gameumentary.

"In September of 2016, Danny O'Dwyer, a high-profile games journalist at one of the biggest outlets in the industry, GameSpot, left and started up NoClip, a crowd funded platform for making gaming documentaries," Calandra said. "It was immensely popular and he's currently making $22,000 a month through the platform and when he released his first documentary, we basically said, 'we can do that.'"

Kyle Bailey, the Lead Media Producer for Gameumentary, lives in Southern New Jersey, but manages to be fully involved with everything Gameumentary. Bailey says Gameumentary is like a ton of puzzle pieces, and putting them together behind the camera or a computer is where he is most comfortable.

Although Bailey and Calandra are half a country apart, they've still managed to build Gameumentary to a full fledged business.

"The collaboration is something difficult with a team of people who write for a site like ours," Bailey said. "[Nick] and I had done OnlySP together already, so we kind of had the experience we needed to start up another site that was similar. The difference was that Nick knew exactly what he wanted so the process was much quicker."

Calandra's adventure to Gameumentary success did not come naturally like it may seem. Even with his previous success found in OnlySP, Calandra is still a student.

To balance out the work of running a company, Calandra was forced to lighten his schoolwork load. This gave him the time and flexibility he needed to take his idea to the next level.

In late August, Calandra and his team launched a Kickstarter with a goal of raising more than $20,000. The time limit of only a month added to the stress of meeting this goal. According to Calandra, when it comes to Gameumentary he "pretty much handles everything," so succeeding with this Kickstarter campaign was crucial to Gameumentary's future.

> "Any of my friends will tell you that I've literally busted my a** to get to this point,"
> *-Nick Calandra*

"The hardest part was the Kickstarter campaign," Calandra said. "Many of my colleagues advised against starting a Kickstarter campaign so early. The site had only been around for seven months when we decided to launch the campaign. So aside from all the contacts I had gathered from over the years working on OnlySP and previous sites, we had very little reach."



SUBMITTED

Gameumentary got its start in January 2017 and recently surpassed its $22,000 Kickstarter goal.

The month of the campaign was long, but on the final day the Kickstarter came to a climactic close.

"We surpassed our goal of $22,000 on the final day of the campaign, and so we're going to get to do six more documentaries over the course of the next six to eight months," Calandra said. "I will be traveling to Redwood, California in October, Austin, Texas in November and Orlando, Florida in December for our upcoming doc shoots. So I'm going to miss quite a bit of school. Luckily, all my teachers are totally behind me doing this and aren't really making it an issue at all to go out and do this."

Calandra is a living example of achieving incredible accomplishments in a short period of time. All it took was some of the hardest work he has ever done. The hard moments turned into some of the greatest moments of Calandra's life, and he does not have a single regret.

"Any of my friends will tell you that I've literally busted my ass to get to this point," Calandra said. "Running your own projects can be a really rewarding experience, but it's also incredibly stressful because you're your own measure of success. Nobody will take notice of your work and give you a raise, you have to go out and fight for everything you want to achieve and make it all happen yourself."



SUBMITTED

Nick Calandra (right) prepares to shoot and ask Bill Gardner (left) questions for Gameumentary. Gameumentary traveled to Boston to cover Deep End Games and the companies developers.

Group steps out to share culture

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ANNASTASIA TUTTLE | NW MISSOURIAN

Members of Step Afrika, Jabari Jones, Ronniqué Murray and Vincent Montgomery Jr. perform Sept. 19 in Ron Houston Performing Center. The troupe promotes stepping and is used as an educational, motivational and healthy tool for young people.

Their steps vibrated through the stage as each performer stepped in unison with the other, creating a perfect synchronization of beats.

The energy of Step Afrika! was unbeatable Sept. 18 in the Ron Houston Performing Arts Center, their vibrant interjections prompting the audience into an energized symphony of hoots and hollers.

The group introduced themselves as Step Afrika!, a composition of 15 African-American college graduates from all across the country. Although only seven were present for the show their passions and creativity spoke for themselves. They began the show with a traditional step, usually performed by African-American members of the Divine Nine or NPHC fraternities and sororities, their precision and unfaltering focus amazing the crowd with every footstep.

Deatrice Clark, Step Afrika! performer, Los Angeles native and Howard University graduate provided Step Afrika's definition of stepping.

"We have our own definition of stepping," Clark said. "It is the highly energetic and rigorous syncopated percussions created by African-American students on college campuses."

Their routines were unique in every way, giving Bearcats a taste of a culture that is present on Northwest's campus, yet overlooked by the majority.

While traditional stepping is an art form of artistic and cultural heritage, Step Afrika! took their performance back to the roots with an African mating dance of intricate rhythms from the Congo drums and tribal movements in an unspoken story of a king and queen through body motions and re-enactments.

Director of Equity and Accessibility, Justin Mallet, Ed.D, was left impressed by the performance and grateful the campus had the experience of this culture and sacred traditions.

"This was my first experience seeing Step Afrika!," Mallet said. "Being here and experiencing it first hand and to see the energy, it was phenomenal."

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Students experience Hispanic music with 3 Amigos

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TAYLOR JOHNSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Pablo La Rosa, Mike Thompson and Bob Scagliotti entertain the lunch crowd in the J.W. Jones Union Sept. 15. The 3 Amigos are a music group out of Kansas City and played a selection of Latin American music to kick off National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Students who walked into lunch Sept. 15 were greeted with the festive sounds of guitars and vocals melding together in a traditional mariachi style from a band known as the 3 Amigos KC Mariachi Band.

According to the singer, percussion and guitar player of the 3 Amigos Pablo La Rosa, the group is a Kansas City-based mariachi band formed by Robert Scagliotti. The band has worked with many different programs such as the Young Audiences of Kansas City and has performed at a variety of colleges.

They perform popular mariachi tunes such as "La Cucaracha," but still showcase different music from other Hispanic cultures.

"(I am) always feeling a little nervous, but confident and excited," La Rosa said before the performance. "It's nice to play for young people."

As the 3 Amigos set up the sound system and tuned their assortment of instruments, students turned their heads in curiosity and anticipation. Some even took the time to take pictures of the mariachi band before they started playing.

"I was just expecting another day in the Union, eating lunch with friends," freshman Kylie Tillitt said. "When I heard the music, I was pretty excited and sat near them instead of my normal spot."

The music not only encompasses traditional Hispanic heritage, it also showed the intricacies and group dynamics as the three musicians playing melody after melody in harmony with each other, even while switching between instruments. From lullabies in Spanish to upbeat instrumental tunes, the band kept their options diverse.

Along with the students, many faculty members could be seen cheering on the mariachi band after the performances. Among them, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Juanita Simmons enjoyed her lunch time listening and, in some instances, clapping along.

"(I was expecting) the excitement generated from our students," Simmons said. "There is a great appreciation for culture here and this is what I love to see: the sharing of the various cultures."

Freshman Stephen Holstine comes from Moberly, Missouri which has a little over 10,000 residents. He does not have a lot of experience with mariachi bands outside of the Mexican restaurants he has eaten at, but still appreciates the various songs they have to offer.

"It's really neat to get that experience... It helps you really get into it," Holstine said. "I definitely sat here today to be closer (to the Mariachi band)."

The 3 Amigos came as a welcome surprise.

It is not everyday you get to see a mariachi band in full swing on the bottom level of the Union, but for many it also served to teach both students and staff about diversity through another culture's music.



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THE STROLLER:

Your Bearcat wants you to tear down that pesky fence

Recently, a fence was erected around the north side of Horace Mann School and has since blocked off the sidewalk running from the Union to South Complex. This fence is driving your Bearcat insane.

It has disrupted my daily routine and has made the simple task of walking across campus more difficult with my normal route being blocked off.

I understand the school needs a place to have the playground, but it has created an inconvenience for all of the college students who live on the east side of campus.

You would not believe how many times I have just been walking across campus and have walked smack dab into the fence.

This fence needs to go away or at least have the gates open when the students are in class so the college students can walk through. My friends living in South Complex have told me how much they feel as though they have been cut off from the Union and the rest of campus. One of the closed off sidewalks runs directly between the two buildings and this fence has cut off a major lane of traffic to everyone who lives in South Complex.

The idea of the playground moving into the newly fenced in area also has me concerned for the large trees occupying this space. Our University is the state arboretum, so the idea that these trees might be removed is terrifying.

Child compact the ground when they run around playing causing damage to trees' roots. If this space is the new playground and they decide to put down the rubber insulation that is common on playground would create a seal on the ground, preventing any water from getting to the roots.

Overall, while I understand the need to move the playground, the location chosen does not work for college students. Since Northwest is a smaller university, there are only so many ways to get to different buildings on campus. Yes, there are other routes to get to my classes, but the route that runs from the Union is the one path takes the least amount of time.

The Union is the center of campus and when this sidewalk is cut off, one of the roads to the center of our home is closed to us.

I hope the fence comes down soon, and the sidewalk is reopened for college students to walk on. Then I would not have to worry about walking into that fence again.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.



ALEXIS GEISERT | NW MISSOURIAN

Spoofhounds senior Mark Zahnd prepares to stiff-arm a Cameron defender during their 63-0 victory over the Dragons Sept. 15.



ALEXIS GEISERT | NW MISSOURIAN

Spoofhounds senior Will Walker is sacked by Cameron defensive line during the Maryville 63-0 victory over the Dragons Sept. 15.

MARYVILLE
CONTINUED FROM **A12**

Walker connected with three separate receivers four times against Cameron. Each completion resulted in a touchdown.

"Will has been doing really great," senior wide receiver Quentin Ternus said. "He's been finding the open man. As long as we catch the passes, that's all that matters."

A new but familiar face has also been added into the mix for Maryville. Eli Dowis appeared for the first time this season against Cameron.

The junior running back ran for 68 yards and one touchdown on four attempts. He also completed a 14-yard pass.

"When we heard he was coming back, the team got pretty excited," Walker said. We knew we were going to get a playmaker."

Following its matchup with Benton, Maryville moves on to Smithville Sept. 28, before returning to the Hound Pound capping off the regular season against Savannah and Lafayette.

"We've got to stay healthy, stay focused and just keep the momentum rolling through these teams," Walker said. "If we slip up, they'll take advantage."

NEXT GAME

Maryville @ Benton

Sept 22 @ 7 p.m.

COLUMN
CONTINUED FROM **A12**

They have also dealt with injuries including seniors Bobby Gruenloh and Caleb Mather as well as junior Anthony Lane.

That has not stopped the likes of freshman Samuel Roberts and sophomore Spencer Philipps to step up and play major roles.

Linebackers: A

Similar to the defense line, new leaders have risen to the occasion including juniors Ben Althoff and Nick Hess. The pair is also joined by sophomore Jake Brinkman.

The three starters have remained healthy and have totaled 48 tackles.

The linebackers have done their one-eleventh. The mix of substitutes in junior Cole Bixler, junior Matt Connelly and senior Cole Forney have remained strong and efficient.

The defense has allowed the third fewest first downs in the country only allowing 31.

Cornerbacks: A-

The Bearcat defense is rounded out by a veteran swarm of speedy defensive backs. The defense as a whole has allowed two touchdowns this season. Both have been through the air.

Even so, this ties Northwest for the fewest touchdowns allowed in the conference.

The back four consisting of seniors Edward Richey and Marcus Jones along with sophomores Jacob Gassman and Lane have allowed just 78.7 passing yards per game (34.2 percent), earning Northwest the No. 1 spot in the MIAA.

The second best is Lindenwold allowing 162 yards per game (60 percent).

This is arguably, once again, the best defense in Division II football.

Offensive Line: C

This group of has the most room to grow.

The Bearcat rushing attack has had little room to work. After last week's win over Nebraska-Kearney, the Bearcats totaled just 68 yards on the ground.

In Weeks 2 and 3, the line has not been able to develop the all-important push. Instead, the push is coming from its opponents.

It is difficult to break down an offensive line, but when you see what the offense did in a 34-0 win against Emporia State, the opportunity is clearly present.

After two straight weeks of uncertain offensive consistency, the offensive line will always be the first to be thrown into the fire.

Wide Receiver: B

Junior Shawn Bane Jr. and senior Shane Williams have been as consistent as they come. Impressive showings as well as ex tight end Clayton Wilson.

The answer for more points on the board will ultimately come from a lot of these highly skilled Bearcat wide receivers.

This will only happen if the receiving core loosens up and plays with freedom.

This group has the deepest set of talent on the team. If the dropped passes can be eliminated and the free-flowing style can awaken, the 50 and 60 point games may be unleashed.

Running Backs: C+

This may be the harshest grade on the sheet. Outside of a few big run plays, the Northwest rushing attack has struggled to find any consistency.

Outside of a few big runs, seniors Cameron Wilcox and Jordan Grove seem hesitant.

The Bearcat rushing game will need a major makeover considering the loss of Wilcox.

The senior walked off the field against Nebraska-Kearney with an unofficial dislocated right shoulder.

In the last two weeks, Northwest has totaled one rushing touchdown.

Quarterback: B+

Senior Zach Martin is a smart guy. Before the Nebraska-Kearney win, Martin maintained Division II's top completion percentage.

He is clearly the guy chosen to lead this team. He will be until something catastrophic happens, which has not happened in 33-straight games.

Special Teams: B

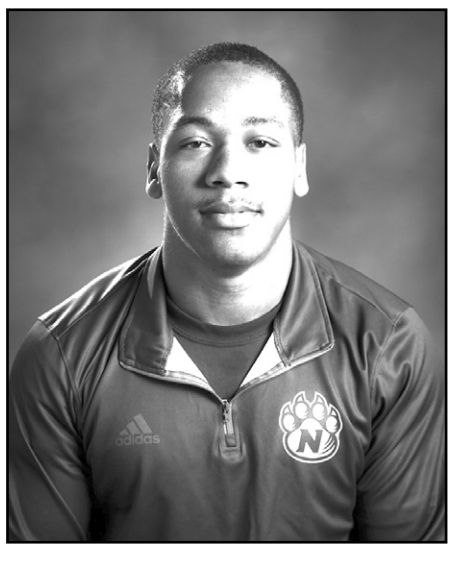
After hitting 2-of-5 field goals in the Bearcat's previous game, the kicking game is the only space for improvement.

Otherwise, coach Rich Wright has had nothing but good things to say about this group. Don't forget about the blocked field goal that led to a 69-yard touchdown against the No. 4 ranked team in the country.

ATHLETES of the WEEK

BEARCATS

Edward Richey



The senior safety recorded a highlight worthy interception in a 14-0 victory over Nebraska-Kearney Sept. 19. The defense allowed a minimum 53 yards.

SPOOFHOUNDS

Olivia Nowakowski



The junior libero recorded 47 digs against Arkansas-Fort Smith Sept. 15 setting an individual game record.

Tyler Houchin



The junior running back rushed for 98 yards and one touchdown in a 63-0 victory over Cameron Sept. 18. Houchin caught two touchdowns alongside 33 yards in reception.

Abby Loe



The senior recorded eight kills and 10 digs in a 2-0 victory over Lafayette Sept. 18.

Skill imminent at Bearcat Open



ANNASTASIA TUTTLE | NW MISSOURIAN
Freshman Agustin Velasco returns his forehand shot across the court during the Northwest tournament Sept. 15.

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The Northwest tennis team made it's presence known against MIAA opponents at the Bearcat Open.

The women's team was led by sophomore Tania Teruel, who won a pair of matches and finished in second place in the main draw for women's singles, while fellow sophomore Tess Lovig advanced to the finals in the women's singles back draw. Sophomore Bjorn Kurtze led the men with a win in the men's singles back draw.

On the doubles side of the tournament, the men's duo of sophomore Jorge Serrano and senior Youssef Sherif made it the semifinals of the back draw. The women's doubles team consisting of sophomore Marta Ferrando and freshman Irene Recuenco competed in the finals of the woman's back draw.

Coach Mark Rosewell said he has a lot of fresh faces on the team this year, but there is plenty of skill in this young group.

"We've got some new players, but some talented players," Rosewell said. "We haven't had any real problems and they seem to really want to be here and play hard, so this far it's been pretty good."

This season the men's team includes two freshmen and four sophomores, while the women's team is made up entirely of underclassmen. With only two seniors and three juniors between the two teams there is a lot of youth and inexperience amongst the players.

One of those fresh faces is Agustin Velasco, a freshman from San Luis, Argentina. Velasco said that it took time over the summer to get used to both collegiate tennis and life in America, but so far it has been a great experience.

"I came to Northwest three months before school, so that helped me adapt to the American system and be more comfortable," Velasco said. "Coach Alvaro, the assistant, coach Rosewell and all the guys from the team helped me prepare too."

Rosewell said that with a program as strong as Northwest tennis there is almost an expectation to do well, but so far his young team has risen to meet that goal.

"There's always pressure in athletics, and they are aware of how successful we've been for nearly 40 years, but that's just part of being on the team and part of the family," Rosewell said.

NEXT GAME
Drake Invitational
@ Des Moines, IA
Sept. 22-23 All Day

The next challenge the Bearcats have to face is the Drake Invitational in Des Moines, Iowa. The Northwest men's team was invited for the second year in a row to compete against several NCAA Division I teams from around the Midwest.

The Bearcats will face several strong teams including Drake, Creighton, the University of Northern Illinois and several other Division I opponents.

Rosewell said although they might be facing some larger schools, the team has proven they will rise to the challenge and compete at the best of their ability.

"We went up there last year and we were very respectable," Rosewell said. "We won matches, and we lost matches, but it wasn't like we got blown out by anyone, so that's what we're hoping for again."

Volleyball heads back in right direction

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As rivalries intensify, the Maryville volleyball team has no problem stepping up and taking charge.

While the Midland Empire Conference play ramps up, the Spoofhounds have taken their losing streak and traded it for a winning streak.

Going into Maryville's conference game Thursday, Sept. 14, the Spoofhounds ran out with a different attitude than they did throughout their short losing streak. They did not see Cameron as just another team, but a chance to get back on track.

Just as they set out to do, Maryville captured the first set 25-9, but they did not stop there. The Spoofhounds followed up the next set with the same intensity and grabbed that one as well 25-14.

Just like that, one streak was gone and a new one had begun.

"Those last three really put some of us down," coach Marissa Felt said. "But winning has really brought us back together as a team and is letting us play like we know how to play again."

Throughout the season Maryville has shown glimpses of being elite and now with the season only halfway done, it is time for this team to show these hounds bite.

"We need to start pushing, sometimes we give up easy points," Felt said. "We just need to push and finish these games off like we know how to do."

Maryville had a rematch against MEC rival Lafayette Sept. 19, but this time with home court advantage.

Last time around, the Irish slipped past Maryville winning on the third set to start the Spoofhounds struggles. The Spoofhounds were in no mood to play games as they fought the Irish with everything they had.

The first set of the match was a nail biter as both teams battled for the early lead before Maryville took it 25-20. This was thanks to a special effort from senior Abby Loe, who had three kills to go along with ten digs in the set.

The second set proved the end for the Irish, with them running out of luck against the Spoofhounds. Maryville pushed past Lafayette in the set 25-18.

Once again, the team was lead in the second set by Loe as she accumulated five kills in the set alone.

"I felt like my own attitude and communication was a lot higher," Loe said. "My teammates were able to just make a lot more plays thanks to the overall communication being better."

With two more in the books, Maryville investigates this recent string of conference success and will continue to work from it as the heart of the season is still at its peak.

NEXT GAME
Maryville @ Savannah
Sept. 21 @ 7 p.m.

"As a team I think it would be awesome to win our first district championship," Loe said. "I just need to keep competing at a high level and help push the team to be good."

The streak of high-level play will be put on the line Thursday, Sept. 21, when the Spoofhounds take on their rival Savannah at their home court at 7 p.m.

Tennis faces conference test

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A grueling schedule leads into a tough test for Maryville girl's tennis heading into the Midland Empire Conference (MEC) Tournament.

The Spoofhounds (8-2) carried their momentum from a 9-0 victory over the Cameron Dragons (2-10) into their match against the Chillicothe Hornets (13-3) Sept. 19.

In their win against the Dragons, no player dropped more than two games in any of their matches, including three 8-0 victories in singles and two more in doubles.

Their match against the Hornets netted different results. Maryville fell 6-3, but saw improvement from their first matchup. The Spoofhounds faced the Hornets in a tournament earlier in the season and lost 4-1.

Maryville and Chillicothe are the only teams in the MEC with less than four loses. Coach McGinness said the Hornets offer a test of the team's ability the day before the MEC Tournament.

"When we play Chillicothe that usually gives us a pretty good gauge of where we're at, and how we are going to perform the next day," McGinness said.

This mindset is shared with senior Taybrin Oglesby. Oglesby said she is confident that the match will help her to prepare for the conference tournament.

"I'll be playing Gracy Reeter and she is the biggest competitor I have this season, so I feel like not having practices isn't going to be that bad," Oglesby said. "It's going to be kind of like a practice, because I'm going to see what I'll be seeing during the MEC conference tournament."

NEXT GAME
Rick Rack Farm XC Classic @ Lawrence, KS
Sept. 21 @ 8:30 a.m.

Oglesby defeated Reeter 8-4 moving her to 11-1 this season in singles play. Teammates sophomore Addison Hall and junior Kamryn Gastler picked up victories as well.

Hall defeated Lauren Gregory 8-6 while Gastler defeated Hannah Zimmerman 9-7. Hall remains unbeaten in singles at 8-0 and Gastler improved to 4-0.

This test is just one of three events for the Spoofhounds in four days.

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MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Taybrin Oglesby prepares to hit the ball during the Spoofhounds' meet Sept. 7 at Northwest. Oglesby is now 11-1 this season in singles play.

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NW FOOTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST	3-0	3-0
Fort Hays State	3-0	3-0
Central Missouri	2-1	2-1
Emporia State	2-1	2-1
Pittsburg State	2-1	2-1
Washburn	2-1	2-1
Central Oklahoma	1-2	1-2
Lindenwood	1-2	1-2
Missouri Western	1-2	1-2
Nebraska Kearney	1-2	1-2
Missouri Southern	0-3	0-3
Northeastern State	0-3	0-3

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Central Oklahoma	13-1	0-0
Nebraska Kearney	11-1	0-0
Central Missouri	9-3	0-0
Washburn	9-3	0-0
Lindenwood	8-4	0-0
Emporia State	7-5	0-0
Missouri Southern	7-5	0-0
Fort Hays St	8-6	0-0
Missouri Western	6-6	0-0
NORTHWEST	6-6	0-0
Pittsburg State	3-9	0-0
Southwest Baptist	1-11	0-0

NW WOMEN'S SOCCER

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Central Missouri	6-0	0-0
Missouri Western	6-0	0-0
Northeastern State	5-0	0-0
Fort Hays State	3-1-2	0-0
Emporia State	4-2	0-0
Nebraska Kearney	3-2-1	0-0
Washburn	3-2-1	0-0
Lindenwood	3-3	0-0
Southwest Baptist	2-3-1	0-0
Central Oklahoma	2-4	0-0
NORTHWEST	2-4	0-0
Missouri Southern	0-3-2	0-0

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Chillicothe	5-0	3-0
Smithville	5-0	3-0
MARYVILLE	4-1	2-1
Lafayette	4-1	2-1
Bishop LeBlond	2-3	1-2
Savannah	1-4	1-2
Cameron	0-5	0-3
Benton	0-5	0-3

Senior class reminisces childhood dreams



ISAIAH SWANN | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore Jaden Hayes (left), junior Thomas DiStefano (middle left), senior Chance Hermelink (middle right) and senior Zach Staples (right) celebrate the Spoofhounds ninth goal of the game. Maryville delivered a 9-0 win over Lafayette Monday at the Hound Pound.

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As the 2017 season sits halfway complete, Maryville boy's soccer is living the dream.

The Spoofhounds celebrated the team's eight seniors in a 9-0 victory over Lafayette Sept. 18.

It also marked a time to celebrate the Class of 2018's combined 43-27-6 overall record thus far. The group has brought home six trophies in their careers.

The culture of the team starts with the close-knitted relationships across the group. It represents the fundamental aspects of what makes Maryville athletics unique as a whole.

"It's very special," senior Zach Staples said. "Most of us senior guys have played together for so many years going back to the Twisters. Being here together with them, it's a great feeling."

Beginning their Spoofhounds careers under Stuart Collins, the senior class was a part of the program's first district championship their sophomore year.

Their final season representing Maryville brought upon a new era as a new but familiar face took the helm of the program.

"I heard Dale (Reuter) and George (Kegode) were both going to come back," Staples said. "It was kind of nice thinking, 'Oh, we're going to play back the Twister days and kind of finish off where we started with them.'"

NEXT GAME

Bishop LeBlond @ Maryville
Sept. 21 @ 4 p.m.

Coach Dale Reuter stepped onto the pitch to lead the boy's soccer team this year. He had the chance to get to know some of the seniors growing up within the Maryville Twisters youth soccer team.

He coached three of the athletes beginning at the age of eight with one goal in mind: doing the best they could, which lead to the potential of an appearance in the state playoffs.

The group won the Western Missouri Soccer League (WMSL) B division in their first season. The year after, the league moved the Twisters to the A division.

"I think it is a great feeling for me to be here as their coach now," Reuter said. "Especially (during) their senior year and looking at all of the things and at how far they've come from all the way back then."

While the guys have grown up, some things have stuck throughout the years. Behind the bench on Senior Night stood a sign with the saying 'feed the beast.'

The meaning in the game came as motivation for 8-year-olds to show intensity on the ground.

"We just kind of went with that," Reuter said. "When they were that young, it was hard to get them to do certain things, but man we ran."

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Volleyball wraps up tournament play, begins MIAA season



ALEXIS GEISERT | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore Katelyn McKinnis practices serving during team practice Sept. 11 in Bearcat Arena. McKinnis has 25 total digs for the year.

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Northwest Volleyball finished the non-conference tournament with .500 record and a junior cementing her name in the university's record books.

The Bearcats (6-6) went 2-2 but the potential of going 4-0 was there. The team lost to West Florida and Arkansas Fort Smith in competitive matches, which included almost coming back from 2-0 down against the host team. Coach Amy Woerth scheduled tougher tournaments in order to get her team ready for MIAA play.

"I know it was tough and I scheduled it tough for a reason," Woerth said. "Our conference is tough and I want to prepare our girls for what they are going to see her coming up."

Northwest has used the tournament season to experiment with both a 5-1 and 6-2 system in order to be more prepared and versatile for conference foes.

"It's definitely going to be a marathon and we're learning more and more about the pieces that make up our team," Woerth said. "I think we knew so much early on last year about who was going to be in those places but we didn't really have that secondary lineup."

Utilizing more players into their rotation has been a goal early on for the Bearcats and Woerth sees the depth continuing to grow.

"We have a lot of depth that we have now seen after this last weekend," Woerth said. "We were in a 6-2 some of the weekend and I felt like that system helped us and we were successful."

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NEXT GAMES

Northwest @ Central Missouri
Sept 22 @ 6 p.m.
Northwest @ Lindenwood
Sept 23 @ 2 p.m.



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Rich origins of family explained

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Family Weekend has always been a tradition at Northwest.

For coach Rich Wright and Northwest football, the story began more than 20 years ago.

In the year of 1994, the Bearcats finished the year with a dismal 0-11 record.

"Family was about the only thing that was in the stands," Wright said.

In the 1995 season, the program took drastic steps and ended with a surprising but earned 6-5.

After every football game, a friendly graduate assistant named Scott Bostwick opened up his home along with 40 other family members to have dinner after each and every game.

"We were always told we could go to his house afterward," Wright said. "When we were at his house, we were treated like family."

"All of a sudden, winning started to take place."

Three years later, a dynasty was born and Northwest captured its first Division II National Championship.

"Traditions started, like being on the field after the game," Wright said. "Scott would take me up to the fans and the parents after the game, and then we would go back to his house and Scott's family was the center of it all."



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior Nick Hess sacks the Lopers' quarterback during the Bearcats 13-0 victory at University of Nebraska-Kearney Sept. 16. Hess now has 14 total tackles for the 2017 season.

After being promoted to defensive coordinator, Bostwick earned his way to the head coaching position.

But before the family-oriented coach could take over his first game, Bostwick passed away June 11, 2011, due to a heart attack.

"It would be hard for me to bring up Family Day and not bring up Scott (Bostwick)," Wright said. "We never forgot its core. To me, Family Day will always represent those humble beginnings started by Mel (Tjeerdsma) and Scott."

This weekend the No. 1 Bearcats (3-0) will suit up and face-off with a struggling Missouri Southern (0-3) team.

Though Northwest has played back-to-back tight contests, the 33-game streak will be put to the test once again with a little extra to play for.

"It's not saying we're a family when it's convenient," Wright said. "It's being a family during the hard times."

The Northwest defense is doing what it does every year and that's gift multiple offensive coordinators with many, many headaches.

The Bearcats have held opponents to 4-of-37 on third down conversions (11 percent). That's good for No. 1 in the country.

The defense is also a Division II-best in allowing a 61.08 percent passing efficiency as well as 173.7 yards per game.

This Saturday at Bearcat Stadium, Northwest's offense will be the in the spotlight.

After posting a noteworthy 34 points against the No. 4 Emporia State, the Bearcat offense has scored a combined 33 points in week 2 against Washburn and week 3 versus Nebraska-Kearney.

"It's a good thing to know you're not playing your best football," senior Jordan Bishop said. "We're still moving the ball pretty ball but we just need do better in the red zone and put the ball in the end zone."

Bishop has caught nine passes for 47 yards through three games with eight of those receptions against Nebraska-Kearney.

Maryville set for midseason trip to St. Joseph

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Halfway through the regular season, Maryville football faces an uphill battle.

The second half of play comes against all Class 4 opponents. This is no stranger for Maryville, with each opponent coming from within the Midland Empire Conference (MEC).

Maryville (4-1, 2-1 MEC) sits tied for second in MEC play alongside Lafayette. Undefeated Smithville and Chillicothe share first place.

The Spoofhounds have yet to play two of the top teams in the conference.

"We are going to have to go on the road against Benton and that's all we'll focus on," coach Matt Webb said. "But if we are going to have a chance in this conference race, we are going to have to take care of some Class 4 opponents."

Maryville heads to the St. Joseph south side to take on Benton for its week six matchup. The Cardinals are in their inaugural season under coach Ben Glidewell.

Webb coached with Glidewell at Southwest Baptist University.

"He's a first-class individual trying to install his philosophy and his schemes on offense and defense," Webb said.

The Cardinals (0-5, 0-3 MEC) are coming off a 53-0 loss to previously winless Savannah. Benton gave up more than 400 yards on the ground.

Benton has not put points on the board since a 36-26 loss to Lafayette Sept. 1.

"They run a spread offense where they really like to stretch the perimeter of your defense," Webb said. "They try to get the ball laterally a lot. We're going to have to get good leverage on things and control the passing game."

Maryville enters the matchup following a 63-0 victory over Cameron. The Spoofhounds have outscored their opponents 117-6 since being shut out by Chillicothe in Week 3.

The momentum sits behind an improved passing game, combined with the ground heavy offense shown on the field in four of its five games this season.

"We're in the middle of getting better each week," Webb said. "This football season, we've felt like we've done some good things so far, every week we focus on the next opponent."

In the past two games combined, senior quarterback Will Walker finished 10-for-14 throwing for 202 yards and five touchdowns. In the loss to Chillicothe, he finished 3-for-21 throwing for 64 yards.

SEE **MARYVILLE** | **A9**

Tennis athletes take talents to cross country

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Two women on the Northwest cross country team find their passion again as one leaps to the top of the roster.

Seniors Margaux Jacquet and Aniek Kolen came to Northwest focused on their tennis careers. It was not until tennis was no longer an option, that Jacquet and Kolen reignited their passion for running. Both had injury issues that forced them to consider alternatives to tennis.

"I ran when I was like nine and ten and I did some races at home, but I was always focused on tennis because that was my main sport. I could only run on the days I had energy left after tennis," Kolen said. "My junior year, I could not play tennis in the fall. That's when I picked up running again and I fell in love again. I knew I wanted to do more with it."

Just like Kolen, Jacquet's passion for running started at a young age. She said she ran when she was younger with her parents, but turned her focus on tennis and did not have the time to pursue both.

"I started running with my parents when I was six or seven and I loved it. I tried to do cross country when I was 14 or 15 but I couldn't do both," Jacquet said. "In high school, we had a meet for everyone and I did a race; I really liked it."



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Margaux Jacquet leads the Bearcats across the finish line Sept. 1 at Donaldson Park. Jacquet recently made the transition from tennis to cross country.

The transitions went smoothly as both cross country coach Scott Lorek and tennis coach Mark Rosewell supported Jacquet and Kolen through the process.

"Each of them came and talked to me, and we talked to coach Rosewell about that early on and he was fine with them switching sports," Lorek said. "It's been good and we got them on our training program and they've worked really hard and done well."

This easy transition has helped Jacquet and Kolen become key members of the cross country team. In their first meet, the Bearcat Open, Jacquet finished sixth place and Kolen finish 33 out of 52 runners.

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Full report card identifies strengths, weaknesses, as well as fan overreactions



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After seeing Northwest football complete two straight weeks of slim victories, all of Bearcats Nation can take a chill pill.

After a tight 13-0 win against Nebraska-Kearney, the No. 1 question across Northwest Missouri's campus arose: What is wrong with Northwest football?

Let's all just pump the breaks on the exaggeration train.

After all, the 2015 National Champions did the exact same thing.

Two years ago, following a close 34-3 defeat over Central Missouri and a 23-16 victory against Central Oklahoma, the Bearcats went on to outscore opponents 321-78 for the remainder of the year and bring home the program's fifth national title.

While the temptation to compare the veteran 2016 national champions and the youthful 2017 Bearcats is simple to some, it can't be done.

The defense has historically been the Bearcats bread and butter; same as last year and every season since the mid-1990s.

In 2017, the Bearcats don't have the second-best athlete in the country.

This is a breakdown of this year's squad thus far, explaining who they are, what's great, bad and everything in between.

Listed below are each position with a letter grade ranking them according to statistics, production and consistency.

Defensive Line A+:

Unfathomable is one word to describe the big men up front through three weeks of play. Two shootouts while allowing 3-of-47 (11 percent) on third down (Best in Division II football) are just two statistics that come to mind.

The Bearcat defense only allowed 38 rushing yards against Nebraska-Kearney Sept. 16.

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